

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 20, and 31-32 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-32 remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims.

Claims 1-2, 5, 9-10, 20, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,852,434 to Sekendur ("Sekendur"). Sekendur is directed to an apparatus for determining absolute position and movement of a stylus on a surface. Applicant respectfully submits that Sekendur fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, a sensor for detecting contact between a tip of an electronic reading device and a specially formatted paper, wherein a system detects a user selection of a location on an address pattern in response to a detection of a contact between the tip of the electronic reading device and the specially formatted paper greater than a predetermined threshold force.

Sekendur discloses the use of a surface formatted with a position-related code for indicating X-Y coordinates capable of reflecting a frequency of light. A stylus comprising a writing element has a light source of frequency for illuminating the position related code. The stylus allows a user to input graphical information (e.g., drawings or handwriting) and simultaneously provide an original hard copy of the information.

In contrast to claim 1, there is no teaching or suggestion by Sekendur of a sensor for detecting contact between a tip of an electronic reading device and a specially formatted paper. In Sekendur, at a lower scanning end is a replaceable and/or retractable writing element connected to a pressure sensitive on/off switch. A manual override on/off switch is provided. The on/off switch enables the stylus to scan with the writing element enabled or retracted. However, the on/off switch of Sekendur does not detect a user selection of a location in response to a detection of contact with a force greater than a predetermined threshold force as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 distinguishes over Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Sekendur is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2, 5, and 9-10 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2, 5, and 9-10 distinguish over Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2, 5, and 9-10 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 20 relates to a method for data entry using an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Sekendur fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 20, namely, sensing whether the electronic reading device is contacting a specially formatted surface. In addition, Sekendur fails to teach or suggest detecting a selection of a particular location on the specially formatted surface responsive to a force exerted by the electronic reading device against the specially formatted surface greater than a predetermined threshold force.

In contrast to claim 20, there is no teaching or suggestion by Sekendur of sensing whether an electronic reading device is contacting a specially formatted surface using a touch sensor. In Sekendur, at a lower scanning end is a replaceable and/or retractable writing element connected to a pressure sensitive on/off switch. A manual override on/off switch is provided. The on/off switch enables the stylus to scan with the writing element enabled or retracted. However, the on/off switch of Sekendur does not detect a selection of a location in response to a force exerted by the electronic reading device against the specially formatted surface greater than a predetermined threshold force as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 distinguishes over Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 as anticipated by Sekendur is respectfully requested.

Dependent claim 28 depends from and further restricts independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 20, dependent claim 28 distinguishes over Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 28 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 14-20, and 23-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2306669 to Wolff et al. ("Wolff") in view of Sekendur. Wolff discloses strain gauges connected to a shaft of a pen tip to record forces applied to a tip by measuring a

force exerted on four pairs of orthogonal strain gauges. Wolff discloses position and pressure sensors to determine location within a page. In Sekendur, at a lower scanning end is a replaceable and/or retractable writing element connected to a pressure sensitive on/off switch. A manual override on/off switch is provided. The on/off switch enables the stylus to scan with the writing element enabled or retracted. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Wolff and Sekendur fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 1, namely, a sensor for detecting contact between a tip of an electronic reading device and a specially formatted paper, wherein a system detects a user selection of a location on an address pattern in response to a detection of a contact between the tip of the electronic reading device and the specially formatted paper greater than a predetermined threshold force. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 distinguishes over the cited combination of Wolff and Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-10 and 14-19 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-10 and 14-19 distinguish over the cited combination of Wolff and Sekendur. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of dependent claims 2-10 and 14-19 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 20 relates to a method for data entry using an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Wolff and Sekendur fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 20, namely, sensing whether an electronic reading device is contacting a specially formatted surface. In addition, the combination of Wolff and Sekendur fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious detecting a selection of a particular location on the specially formatted surface responsive to a force exerted by the electronic reading device against the specially formatted surface greater than a predetermined threshold force. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 20 distinguishes over the cited combination of Wolff and Sekendur. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 23-20 depend from and further restrict independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 20, dependent claims 23-30 distinguish over the cited combination of Wolff and Sekendur. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of dependent claims 23-30 be withdrawn.

Claims 11-13, 21-22, and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolff et al. in view of Sekendur and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,299 to Schiller et al. ("Schiller").

Dependent claims 11-13 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 21-22 depend from and further restrict independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Schiller fails to supply the deficiencies of Wolff and Sekendur noted above with respect to claims 1 and 20, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claims 1 and 20, respectively, dependent claims 11-13 and 21-22 distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of dependent claims 11-13 and 21-22 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 31 relates to an electronic data entry system. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Wolff, Sekendur, and Schiller fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 31, namely, a sensor for detecting contact between a tip of an electronic reading device and a formatted paper, wherein a system detects a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of a contact between the tip of the electronic reading device and the formatted paper greater than a predetermined threshold force. Wolff discloses strain gauges connected to a shaft of a pen tip to record forces applied to a tip by measuring a force exerted on four pairs of orthogonal strain gauges. Wolff discloses position and pressure sensors to determine location within a page. In Sekendur, at a lower scanning end is a replaceable and/or retractable writing element connected to a pressure sensitive on/off switch. A manual override on/off switch is provided. The on/off switch enables the stylus to scan with the writing element enabled or retracted. However, the on/off switch of Sekendur does not detect a contact

between the tip of the electronic reading device and the formatted paper greater than a predetermined threshold force as claimed. Schiller fails to supply the deficiencies of Wolff and Sekendur noted above. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 31 distinguishes over the cited combination of Wolff, Sekendur, and Schiller. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 31 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 32 a method of using an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Wolff, Sekendur, and Schiller fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 32, namely, sensing whether an electronic reading device is contacting a specially formatted surface. In addition, the combination of Wolff, Sekendur, and Schiller fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious detecting a selection of a particular location on the specially formatted surface responsive to a force exerted by the electronic reading device against the specially formatted surface greater than a predetermined threshold force. Wolff discloses strain gauges connected to a shaft of a pen tip to record forces applied to a tip by measuring a force exerted on four pairs of orthogonal strain gauges. Wolff discloses position and pressure sensors to determine location within a page. In Sekendur, at a lower scanning end is a replaceable and/or retractable writing element connected to a pressure sensitive on/off switch. A manual override on/off switch is provided. The on/off switch enables the stylus to scan with the writing element enabled or retracted. However, the on/off switch of Sekendur does not detect a selection of a particular location responsive to a force, the force being greater than a predetermined threshold force. Schiller fails to supply the deficiencies of Wolff and Sekendur noted above. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 32 distinguishes over the cited combination of Wolff, Sekendur, and Schiller. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 32 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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